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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street; GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus; E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry; R. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA:—SWATOW, QUELON & CAMPBELL, Amoy; WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow; HADDO & Co., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila; C. HAYES & Co., Macao; L. A. DA GRAÇA.

PAID-UP.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BELLIS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDER, Esq. J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. J. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. A. MOLYNE, Esq.

ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, . . . EYEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 3 " " " " " 12 " 4 " " " " " 18 " 5 " " " " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Acting Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

MR. FRITZ LANGER'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mcl

NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST STEIN

has been authorized to sign for us by Prouration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

MR. J. F. CORDES' Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mcl

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Under-signed under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,

W. HULSE. Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at Swatow and Hongkong, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HARRIS, EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON.

Swatow-Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fel9

Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

ON

MONDAY,

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of

"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to Commence at Nine o'Clock.

Tickets may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. or after Wednesday, February 14th.

OBAS. C. COHEN,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fel20

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Under-signed has received instructions from A. G. MORRIS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 15th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, "Hermitage,"

the whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining, and Bed-room Suites, Tables, Chairs, Sofa, Mirrors, Pictures, Sideboard, Crockery, Glass and Plated-ware, Bedsteads, Toilet Table, Wash-stands and Sets, &c., &c.

One PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Wednesday, the 14th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 9, 1877. fel5

Intimations.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held in the Public Gardens on FRIDAY, the 16th, and SATURDAY, the 17th February.

Admission: First Day, \$1. Second Day, 50 Cents.

Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, February 6, 1877. fel6

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mcl

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February current, at Three o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1876.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fel5

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fel5

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fel5

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fel20

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fel20

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. mcl2

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 18th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fel6

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 19th February, 1877, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1876, the Report of the Directors and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fel5

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

"ARGYLE," D. SCOTT, Commander, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, February 10, 1877. fel7

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The British Steamship

"HINDOSTAN," Captain T. S. GARDNER, will leave this for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, February 10, 1877. fel7

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The British Steamer

"CAIRNSMUIR," due shortly from London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 10, 1877.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The British Steamship

"CYPRUS," will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The British Ship

"STAR OF CHINA," BLAKE, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The British Ship

"ENGLAND'S GLORY," KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Bark

"CEYLON," KELLY, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fel5

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Ship

"SUMATRA," Captain CLOUGH, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fel9

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient Inducement offers.)

The 3/4 L. 1. 1. Russian Ship "VANADIS," WERLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship

"CUTWATER," CHELSEA, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark

"SPIRIT OF THE AGE," Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Cyprien* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-signed into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

Goods remaining in Godowns after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. fel5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Argyll*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-signed into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Opium is deliverable from on Board. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signed.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. fel5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *TIGRE*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. *"Euphrate"*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

Chas. J. GAUPP & Co.,
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHRONOMETERS,
&c., &c., &c.,
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately
rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at
reasonable rates and with despatch.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-
CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

PRAVA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1877 is
posted at the Supreme Court House
for inspection. Notice of any inaccuracies,
omissions, objections, &c., must be given
to the Acting Registrar on or before TUES-
DAY, the Thirtieth day of February, 1877,
in accordance with the provisions of Section
8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

F. S. RUFFAM,
Acting Registrar.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877. feld

To-day's Advertisements.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
are requested to send in an Account
of Business Contributed during the Half
Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or
before the 28th instant, on which date the
Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. mel

NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR REPAIRS of the British
Ship **SARAH NICHOLSON**, will
be received till 8 a.m., THURS-
DAY, 15th instant.

Separate Tenders are requested for
1—Masts, Spars, Iron Work and Repairs
to Hull.
2—Rigging and Sails.

For Particulars of the Work apply to the
Master on Board, who does not bind him-
self to accept the lowest or any Tender.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. feld

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. has re-
ceived instructions to sell by
Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 19th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock
p.m., at No. 12, Seymour Terrace, the
Residence of C. B. GRIFFITH, Esq.,—
The whole of his HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, comprising: Covered
Chairs, Couches, Centre and other Tables,
Mirrors, Clocks, Electro-plated Ware,
Glass and Crockery Ware, Sideboard,
Whetstone, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dress-
ing Tables, Toilet Glasses, &c., &c.

Also,
1 Cottage PIANO, by Zeiter & Co.
1 HARMONIUM, by Alexandre
Pere et Fils, Paris.

Sedan Chairs, Flower Pots,
&c., &c.,
Catalogues will be issued.

Terms of SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. feld

Not Responsible for Debts.

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:**

BRIDGEPORT, British barque, Captain
E. W. Cripp,—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
OYSTER, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.
STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Baker,—Douglas LaPraik & Co.

NEBRASKA, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford,—Arnold, Karberg
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. E.
Wessberg,—Siemsen & Co.

ALDEN, American barque, Captain
S. Noyes,—McKerrie & Co.

TYBANTA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Golden,—Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 10, **Danube**, British steamer, 661,
A. Clapham, Hongkong Feb. 2, General—
Yuen Fat Hong.

Feb. 10, **Bonita**, German 3-m. schooner,
from Whampoa.

Feb. 10, **Alphington**, British barque, from
Whampoa.

Feb. 11, **Lydia**, British barque, 866,
Youngson, Nagasaki Jan. 31, General—
BUTTSFIELD & SWIRE.

Feb. 11, **Norma**, British steamer, 606,
A. G. Walker, Swatow Feb. 10, General—
Kwox Achong.

Feb. 11, **China**, German steamer, from
Canton.

Feb. 12, 8 a.m., **Glenroy**, Brit. steamer,
1870, A. H. Taylor, Shanghai Feb. 3,
Footscow 10, and Amoy 11, Te.—A. H. Taylor,
Matthewson & Co.

Feb. 12, **Lombardy**, British steamer,
2736 W. B. Hall, Shanghai Feb. 9, Mails
and General.—J. & C. S. N. 249

ARRIVALS.
Feb. 12, **Alphington**, French man-of-war,
M. St. Hilaire, Tonquin Feb. 9.
Feb. 12, **Fau Tshai**, Chinese steamer, from
Canton.
Feb. 12, **William Turner**, British barque,
631, Vanderford, Nagasaki Feb. 8, Coal
and General.—CHINESE.
Feb. 12, **Namoa**, British steamer, 862,
G. Westoby, Bangkok Feb. 4, Rice.—
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Feb. 12, **Western Belle**, American barque,
1135, H. Fish, Cardiff Sept. 20, Coal.—
ORDER.

DEPARTURES.
Feb. 10, **Menzies**, for Yokohama.
10, **Tigre**, for Shanghai.
10, **Cyprien**, for Shanghai.
10, **Achilles**, for Singapore & London.
10, **Leonor**, for Amoy, &c.
10, **Ceylon**, for New York.
10, **Nuevo Constante**, for Manila.
10, **Deutschland**, for Tientsin.
12, **Christian**, for Tientsin.

CLEARED.
Chinkiang, for Guam.
Hansa, for London.
Usui, for Hongkong.
Bonita, for Tientsin.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per **Lombardy**, from Shanghai: for
Hongkong, Mr. E. Tobin and servant, Dr.
H. Winn, Messrs F. D. Bush and servant,
A. Andre and servant, G. W. Coutts, M.
E. Sassoon and servant, J. Eggermont, L.
Fisher, and 23 Chinese; for Venice, Messrs
R. H. Simonds and E. Peel; for Southampton,
Mr. W. S. Lockhart; for Singapore,
A. Crossley.

Per **Danube** from Bangkok, 26 Chinese.
Per **Norma**, from Swatow, 80 Chinese.
Per **Namoa**, from Bangkok, 40 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per **Tigre**, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs.
McLeavy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Crombie,
Messrs Rowley Miller, Lallymple, Muller,
Davie, and 24 Chinese.

Per **Menzies**, for Yokohama, Messrs
Issai Umemura, Petit, Kounishi, Souve,
Boinand.

Per **Achilles**, for London, Mr. and Mrs.
Ford, Revd. Mr. and Mrs. W. Duffus and
2 children, Revd. Mr. and Mrs. S. White-
head and 2 children, Miss Taylor, and 6
Europeans. For Singapore, 30 Chinese.

To DEPART.
Per **Usui**, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.
Per **Bonita**, for Tientsin, 6 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer **Danube** reports:
Light winds and fine weather to lat. 21.38
N., thence strong Northerly winds and
thick weather to arrival.

The British barque **Lydia** reports: First
part of passage light Southerly winds to
lat. 30 N., thence to arrival strong
Northerly winds and thick weather.

The British steamer **Norma** reports:
Strong Northerly winds and cloudy weather
throughout.

The British steamer **Glenroy** reports:
Weather fine, with strong breezes and
showers.

The British steamer **Namoa** reports:
Left Bangkok Feb. 4, at 10.30 a.m. Had
light Southerly winds and fine weather
down Gulf of Siam. Rounded Pulo Obi
Feb. 6th, at noon. Had light winds and
fine weather until Saturday, Feb. 10th, when
experienced a strong gale from the N.N.E.
with heavy head sea which lasted to port.
The **Atalanta** arrived at Bangkok on the
3rd Feb.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close:—

For **SHANGHAI**,—
Per **TIGER**, at 11 a.m., on Sunday, the
11th inst.; late letters received from
11.10 to 11.30. The Post Office will
be open at 10 a.m. Correspondence
for Registry by either Mail received
till a quarter of an hour before the
time for first closing.

For **SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL-
CUTTA**,—
Per **HINDOSTAN** and **ARGYLE**, at
2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th
inst.

For **BANGKOK**,—
Per **DANUBE**, at 5 p.m., on Monday,
the 19th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKER.—
The English Contract Packet **LOMBARDY**,
will be despatched with the Mails
for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 15th February.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 14th inst.,—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 14th inst.,—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with
LATE FEE of 18 cents extra
to Postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. feld

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKER.
The United States Mail Packet **CITY OF
PEKING** will be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 19th instant, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, the United
States, and London, which will be
closed as follows:—
2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 p.m., Post Office closes.
2.30 p.m., Correspondence may be posted
on board the Packet with Late
Fee of 12 cents extra Postage
until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, February 6, 1877. feld

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKER.—
The French Contract Packet **AMAZON**,
will be despatched on THURS-
DAY, the 22nd instant, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galis,
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania,
Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion,
Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India
by this Packet, but can be paid only
as far as Ceylon. The postage to
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters
should be marked **PAID TO CEYLON** only;
they will go on from Ceylon as unpaid.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877. feld

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 15:—
Tenders for Repairs of the British ship
Sarah Nicholson, will be received on
Board up to 8 a.m.
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Mr. Morris' residence, "Hermitage."
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration at City Hall.
Goods per **Cyprien** undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per **Argyll** undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per **Tigre** undelivered after Noon,
subject to rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, February 16:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs.
Lane, Crawford & Co.
2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at
No. 39, Queen's Road.
Transfer Books of the Chinese Insurance
Co., Limited, closed from this date to
2nd March, inclusive.
Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

SATURDAY, February 17:—
3 p.m.—**Argyll** leaves for Singapore,
Penang and Calcutta.
3 p.m.—**Hindostan** leaves for Singapore,
Penang and Calcutta.
Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

MONDAY, February 19:—
2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, at No. 12,
Seymour Terrace.
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-
hama and San Francisco.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,
Limited, at Club Chambers.
9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Per-
formance at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 20:—
8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
at No. 7, Queen's Road.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 12, 1877.

BOTH the reports of local companies
which we publish in another column
should be more or less matters for con-
gratulation on the part of business men
in the Colony. We must all desire to
see local institutions, commercial or
otherwise, flourishing, and certainly
both the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation and the China Fire
Insurance Company are able to render
a very satisfactory account of themselves
at the present moment. When the last
half-yearly report of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation was issued
we pronounced it to be a very
satisfactory document; the same or rather
more must be said of the one we
publish elsewhere. The last half-yearly
report, however, led us to anticipate a good
one on this occasion. It will be seen
that the net profits for the half-year, in-
cluding \$38,085.43 brought forward from
the last account, amount to \$502,802.72,
of which there remains for appropriation
\$488,824.91. From this sum the
Directors recommend the payment of a
dividend of one pound sterling per share,
which will absorb \$177,777.78; and
they further recommend placing \$300,000
to the credit of the reserve fund, which
will then stand at half a million dollars,
and carrying forward the balance, namely
\$11,047.18 to the credit of the new
profit and loss account. Some of the
proprietors may probably feel that the
sum appropriated as dividend is smaller
than the necessities of the case and the
prosperity of the Bank appear to justify;
but it cannot be questioned that the
strengthening of the reserve fund is the
first duty of a Bank directorate. In
spite, therefore, of the continued success
of the Corporation, we cannot but
approve of the caution displayed in the
appropriations as seen in the report,
which by the way, is in exact ac-
cordance with the brief summary
of it we published a day or two
ago. The appointment of Mr. Jackson
will, we doubt not, meet with general
approval. As to the China Fire Insurance
Company, the report shows that the net
profit for the year 1876, after deducting
losses paid in 1876 amounting to
\$11,862.52, reaches \$67,709.27. Of
this amount the Directors propose to
apply \$22,884.77 to the payment of a
bonus of 20 per cent to the contributing
shareholders of 1876, and add the bal-
ance to the reserve fund which will be
thus increased to \$389,787.80. The
working account for 1876 shows a bal-
ance of \$144,304.86 at its credit on the
31st December, and the Directors pro-
pose to appropriate the sum of \$43,000
out of anticipated profits to the payment
of a dividend of \$12 per share.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877. feld

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

LONDON, 8th February.

DISMISSAL OF THE GRAND VIZIER OF
TURKEY.

The Sultan has dismissed the Grand Vizier
Midhat Pasha from his post, and has ap-
pointed Edhem Pasha to succeed him.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.—THE QUEEN'S
SPEECH.

Parliament was opened by Her Majesty
the Queen in person.

In her Speech from the Throne, Her
Majesty said throughout the sittings of the
Conference at Constantinople England's
object had been to maintain the peace of
Europe and obtain the better Government of
the Provinces without infringing on the
integrity of Turkey.

While regretting that the proposals of the
Great Powers were rejected by the Porte, the
Speech expresses hopes that an honourable
peace may be concluded.

The Speech also refers to the assumption
of the title of Empress, the Indian famine,
and the administration of the Colonies.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE steamer **Amoy** left Shanghai for this
port to-day.

THERE will be no issue of the **China Mail**
to-morrow evening.

WE learn that the O. & C. S. S. **Oceanic**,
with mails from San Francisco to 17th ult.,
leaves Yokohama for this port to-day (12th
instant).

THE American ship **Western Belle**, which
arrived here to-day from Cardiff, reports
that she experienced some very severe
weather on December 8th-9th in lat. 42°-40'
S. and long. 67°-50' East, when lost the
Chief Officer overboard and injured several
of the crew. On December 8th one of the
crew, Robert Conrad, fell from the main-
topgallant yard on to the deck, and died
shortly afterwards.

THE maximum temperature at the Peak
during the past week, as recorded in
Saturday's Gazette, was 68.0, the minimum
55.0; at the Harbour Master's Office, the
maximum was 74.5, and the minimum 58.5.
0.40 inch of rain fell during the week.—
From a table of meteorological observa-
tions taken at the Government Lock Hos-
pital by Dr. Ayres during the month of
January, and published in **Saturday's Ga-
zette**, it appears that only 0.03 inch of rain
fell in that month, compared with 1.01 in
January, 1876.

IT is notified in the **Gazette** that H. E. the
Governor has appointed provisionally and
until further notice Thomas Middleton
Leatherbarrow to be in charge of the Gun-
powder Depot, and José L. de Sá to be
Acting Assistant Inspector of Junks, vice
Webster and Rowe, dismissed as absent
without leave.

THE following account, duly certified, of
the average amount of bank-notes in cir-
culation in Hongkong, during the month
ending 31st January, is published in **Satur-
day's Gazette** for general information:—

Bank.	Average Amount.
Oriental Bank Corporation,.....	\$251,256
Chart. Merc. B. of I., L. & Co.,.....	605,094
Chartered Bank of I., A. & C.,.....	430,134
H. K. & S. hai Bank, Corp.,.....	1,208,817
Total,.....	\$2,495,301

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)
February 12, 1877.

CHARGES OF DEBETMENT AND LARCENY.

THOS. COLES, foreman in charge of the
Magazines in the Ordnance Department,
was again brought up to answer the charge
of embezzling a quantity of Military stores.

Mr. Sharp appeared for the prosecution
and Mr. Wotton for the defence.

With reference to the application Mr.
Wotton made at the last hearing, the Mag-
istrate said he saw no reason why the
application should be complied with. If
there was any carelessness in connection
with the ammunition, he saw no reason
why the case should not be fully reported,
and if the prisoner was innocent, he was
also no reason why it should not be made
public. The Magistrate had discretion in
the matter, and there was no reason why
it should not be exercised now.

Mr. Wotton said he made the application
because he thought it would be advantageous
to his client, as if it were shown that
he had no connection whatever with the
deficiency, it would be unfair to him.
Of course the Magistrate had his discretion,
but if he ruled in another way he would
submit to it, and he would not make
with the view of the case anything.

Mr. Sharp then continued the prosecution.
He said before that 8,428 rounds of
ammunition were stolen, and that the stock
of the Martini-Henry was being examined.
He did not intend to go further than put-
ting that deficiency to the test. It had been
also ascertained that 3,310 rounds of
Martini-Henry cartridges had been mis-
placed. There were, he believed, 45 boxes altogether
found missing.

Mr. Silveira was again placed in the box
and examined.—When I look in stock
when I took over charge in Jan'y 1874,
everything was dotted, and 9,428 rounds

ed it. He did so in my presence. I did
not count the actual rounds in the boxes,
but I gave credit for the contents from
what appeared on the labels. I did not
empty any box to count the rounds.

COLES did not say anything to me, but it
was his duty to tell me any deficiency.
I found the boxes tally with the tally board,
and I took it for granted that they were
correct. I took them to be correct by the
number of boxes they represented. The
entries on the tally board represent the
quantity in the Magazine. The tally board
represents what the ledger shows. I was
so far satisfied then that the accounts were
correct. A man counted the boxes and I
saw him count them. My counting tallied
with the board kept by the prisoner. After
I took over charge, the prisoner had sole
charge of the key of the Magazine. No
issue of stores could have been legiti-
mately taken place without going through
the hands of the prisoner. After I took
charge, a further supply of ammunition was
received on several occasions from England,
from ships of war and from regiments.
The process of receiving the stores is by an
order on the prisoner, informing him of the
quantity of ammunition he is to receive.
He then enters into the day-book, receives
it in, and records the quantity on the tally
board. The tally board is kept in the Ma-
gazine. The day-book is sent to the office,
where an extract is made from it and sent
to the party who sent the ammunition as a
receipt for the quantity so received. This
receipt is never sent out until after all
those formalities have been gone through.
The entry is then posted into the ledger.
I have deposited that 8,428 rounds were
missing, and since then I have a report
that there were 84 boxes missing,
but the report now is that there are actually
45 boxes missing. The empty boxes are
placed outside the Magazine; they are not
supposed to be inside. This is one of the
regulations. The empty boxes are to be
placed in the enclosed verandah.

Cross-examined.—It was the first time
I had the charge of magazines before 1874.
It is my duty to open the boxes individu-
ally to count the contents. It is nobody's
duty to count the contents, but no empty
boxes are supposed to be in the magazine.
As a matter of fact, I cannot say that the
boxes were full or empty when I took over
charge. I took it for granted that the
boxes were full when I took charge. It is
possible for a box containing a fractional
portion of the ammunition to be in the
store, but there can be no more than a
fractional box at any one time, because if
a fractional issue is required, it will be
exhausted first. The Martini-Henry car-
tridges only came in July 1876. If
COLES is wanted in the Ordnance office, he
is sent for, but he is to come after he has
looked the magazine; he is to leave nobody
inside. If an issue is going on, he is to
come after he has done. It is one of the
rules of the service, and the prisoner knows
the rules, but he was in the office
before I took over charge. If the foreman
is not in the magazine, no issue or receipt
is in writing, and I believe I can pro-
duce it. I will try to produce it. It
is not possible for a man to issue twice over,
because he has to enter it into the chief
foreman's book, then in the tally board and
in the day-book. It has moreover, to go
through the ledger, the form of requisition
and the delivery order. There are so many
checks that I do not think a double issue
is possible. (After a little explanation,
the witness stated that a double issue was
possible, but it was sure to be discovered
periodically by an officer.) I cannot re-
member how many times an officer has
examined the stock from 1874 to 1876. I
believe about half a dozen times. The
answers received, (Appendix B.) Although
no reduction of the tariff has followed, the
recommendations put forth by the Com-
mittee, it is hoped, will not be without
effect.

In August last, a despatch was received
from the Honourable the Colonial Sec-
retary, covering a letter from the Eastern
Extension Australasia and China Telegraph
Company, and of the Great Northern
Telegraph Company, copies of which will be
found in the Appendix, together with the
answers received, (Appendix B.) Although
no reduction of the tariff has followed, the
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Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, previous to the last Annual Meeting.

Reuter's Telegrams.—Messrs Reuter & Co.'s Agent having made propositions for supplying an amended service of Political and Commercial Telegrams, a Sub-Committee was appointed to make satisfactory arrangements with that gentleman. The result of their negotiations is, that the Chamber has taken the local monopoly of the Political Telegrams, and that this branch of the service bids fair to be efficiently started in a few days. The Sub-Committee also drew up an amended form of Commercial Telegrams, which, after being approved by the General Committee, was accepted by Reuter's Agent, and will be acted upon as soon as it reaches London. The Committee entertain hopes that the cause will no longer be for complaint as to the accuracy or extent of the information transmitted.

Members.—During the past year, the following Members have retired from the Chamber:—Messrs Heard & Co., Messrs Margeson & Co., and A. E. Vaucher, Esq. Mr T. G. Linstead has been duly elected a Member.

Committee.—Mr P. Karberg having left for Europe, Mr L. Mondel was elected to fill his vacancy. According to the Rules, a fresh election of Members of Committee has to take place at this meeting.

Library.—[The additions which have been made to the library during the past year are here given.]

Funds.—The Secretary's Account Current for the year ending 31st December, 1876, has been audited by Messrs Kerr & Hassell, and is annexed hereto. A falling off of subscription is reported, but the balance shows an increase of circulation over last year of some \$478. A credit balance of \$255.83 is brought forward for the current year. The sum of \$600 has been withdrawn from the fixed deposits of \$4,499.71, to pay for the expenses of the Secretary's visit to Hainan, the publication of his Report, and a refund in connection with the Anti-blockade pamphlet. The balance of \$5,890.71 remains on deposit, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

The Chairman:—Before proposing the adoption of the yearly report of the Committee, and the passing of the accounts attached to it, I beg to be allowed to make a few remarks, upon the leading subjects dealt with. The most prominent one, and I regret to say it has been so for some time past, is the Blockade. In spite of all that has been said and written against these most unprecedented and unjustifiable proceedings of the Canton Customs on our waters and outside our waters, their depredations—for I can call them nothing else—continue unchecked. However, I think we may now entertain the hope that the question will not continue much longer to be bandied about from one department to the other, and that a settlement will be arrived at ere long. The parliamentary papers lately published, a copy of which I have before me, strengthen very materially the hands of the people of this Colony, in their opposition to this system of robbery which has been allowed to go on for some years now. In these papers, it will be found that the Hopps of Canton and his employees, at the stations and on board the cruisers, stand convicted by the written testimony of their own apologist, H. B. M. Consul at Canton, of levying excessive exaction, double duties, in fact, upon the junk trade of the Colony. It appears that on all Goods coming to this Colony from any part of China, he levies an export duty according to the native tariff, also an export duty according to the foreign tariff; and on all Goods sent from this Colony, he levies a double import duty in like manner. The despatch in which this avowal is made is certainly "pencil," and I recommend it and the others from the same pen, to the careful perusal of members. It is most curious to notice how the writer twists and turns about in his endeavours to place the actions of the Mandarins in the most favorable light. In one paragraph of a despatch he makes them out to be models of official rectitude and discipline, going as far as to say that "they are as much under control as the officers of any Government," while in another paragraph he talks of irresponsible provincial officers and their subordinates. Now surely these two statements are contradictory; if government officers are irresponsible they can't be much under control. And you will see further in the proclamation of the Viceroy, dated 15th May, 1876—which the Consul takes credit to himself on getting issued—that the employees of the Customs have entirely ignored a former Viceroy's proclamation. This certainly does not look as if they were as much under control as the officers of any government. I should like to see what would take place, were any officers of any department in this Colony to ignore a Government notification. However, to return to the question of the imposition of double duties, when these stations commenced to collect duties on general merchandise, (previously they collected duty on opium only) and I had the assurance of Her Majesty's Consul at that time that they were instituted solely to collect duties on this commodity and that there was no intention to levy duties on general merchandise, however, this subsequently proved not to be the case. Well, when they commenced to levy duties generally, the persons who defended the Chinese officials in this proceeding said, they are only collecting the dues according to Chinese tariff and such as they have been collecting at other places for many centuries, and any trader who honestly pays these dues need have nothing to fear; the Chinese Government have no intention of gaining by these stations, they are only there to prevent them from losing what they were entitled to by ancient law and usage. But knowing as we do the rapacity of the Chinese officials, grave doubts arose in the minds of many of us as to the correctness of these statements. Immediately or very soon after the system commenced, complaints of squeezing and seizures began to come in, and these continuing to increase, a commission was appointed. Before this commission a number of facts were elicited, which clearly showed that respectable traders were being molested and robbed. These facts were stated in the report, but as the evidence in proof of them could not for obvious reasons be published, doubt was thrown, by some sceptical persons, upon the report, and several members used to rise periodically in this room and say, "where are your proofs? I eat blab your facts," &c. No such remarks can be made now, as the Consul's despatch acknowledges imposition of double duties; and it is proved by the

Police Magistrate, then acting as Registrar General, that in some instances nearly treble duties have been demanded. The line of argument by which the Mandarin mind arrived at the plan of imposing the double duties at the stations outside this harbour, is instructive. You are all probably aware that a Chinese official will never, except under the severest pressure, admit that Hongkong has ceased to be a portion of the Empire of China, and by some pleasant fiction no doubt makes it appear to the mass of the Chinese people that the presence here of a British Governor, a British garrison, law courts, police, &c., is permitted as an act of grace, merely for a time, by the all powerful sovereign of China. The cunning Hopps saw in this position of matters a splendid opportunity for filling his pockets, and he said, "I shall perpetuate this state of uncertainty as to whom the Island of Hongkong belongs, so I shall levy two duties, one as if it was a part of China and another as if it was a foreign port." Now this is a very pleasant view of the situation for the Hopps, but one which I am very glad to say does not satisfy Lord Carnarvon, and I don't think any of us will approve of the dual status which this unscrupulous individual has assigned to the Colony. As far as regards exports from the various parts of the province of Canton to Hongkong, he may have some little show of reason on his side for charging rather more than Neeti-shui on goods which were exported to places outside of China, such as Annam, Singapore, &c.; but this extra duty was something small, perhaps a third or a quarter of Neeti-shui. But here the rapacity of the Mandarin shows itself, and he imposes the foreign tariff export duty, this being nearly double the amount of the Neeti-shui. In the case of Exports from the Colony to places in the Canton province he has not a shadow of reason or right on his side, as take for instance a cargo of Indian cotton, Straits produce, Manchester goods, he cannot by any reasoning however subtle, claim his right to charge two import duties. If it is finally decided by the high authorities that the Treaty of Tientsin applies to the trade in native craft from this Colony, then he could charge the foreign tariff no more; but if the Foreign tariff is not applicable, he can only charge the native duties, so that whatever conclusion is arrived at he stands convicted of unwarrantable squeezing. Let us, hope, gentlemen, that the Commission agreed in Sir Thomas Wade's Convention—may soon commence their labours, and that the end of these labours may be that the colony may be freed from the many evils which the present system entails upon us. With references to the remarks in the report on the subject of H. M.'s Consul acting as a member of that Commission, let us hope that he will view these in their proper spirit. For his high personal character, his genial generous spirit in private life, we have all the greatest admiration; but I contend that no man can read his despatches without feeling convinced that there is a bias towards the Chinese view of the situation. Some of the ablest and best men both in past and present times have been biased on some point or other, and very often there is no way of accounting for a bias. Before concluding these remarks on the blockade, I would call the attention of members to the very able manner in which Sir Alexander's report on the blockade, has been written. Our second Vice-Magistrate also deserves the thanks of the community; he has been most untiring in his labours to bring to light the objectionable practices of the Hopps's employees in and around this harbour. The Chief Justice, the Acting Attorney General, the Registrar General, and the gentleman who is now acting, Mr Trenchard, have on every occasion done all in their power to protect the interests of the Colony, and to them all much credit is due.

Mr Bellios: I think it is advisable for this Chamber to protest against Sir Brooke Robertson having anything to do with the Commission.

Mr Ryrie: We have done so.

Mr Bellios: I mean as a body; because to all intents and purposes it seems to me this Commission is simply a committee of arbitration—a sort of tribunal to decide between two parties, ourselves, as merchants of this Colony, and the Chinese Customs. We are asked to send a delegate in the shape of an official from this Government, and the Chinese Government is to send another, and Her Majesty's Consul is supposed to be the umpire. Now I am sure that none of us here would take a case before any committee of arbitration if we knew at the outset that there was a majority in it against us (hear hear). With all deference to Sir Brooke Robertson, no doubt all that he has done and written has been in good faith, but it is human nature to err—it has become clear that his view of the question is not free from prejudice, and therefore I would urge that a person of independent and unbiased mind should preside at this Commission (hear hear). It might be said against a new-comer that he was not conversant with the subject. Well, I contend that matters of much more importance, and involving many details are heard and decided in courts of justice, and therefore, any new man coming to preside in a case of this kind might be allowed to study the matter. I contend it would be better to have a new man to preside at this arbitration committee than Sir Brooke Robertson, who has shown that he is biased in favour of the Chinese authorities. We must not allow this matter to drop. The generation who took up the question in the first instance has nearly passed away. I see there are around me but one or two who took part in the discussion on this matter when it was first mooted at this Chamber. The attention of two governments have been directed to it, and all our labours and prayers have only brought forward this commission, and it was only from accident, as it were, that the matter has reached the position it has. Were it not for the Chefoo Convention possibly this question might have gone dragging on without getting any nearer a settlement for years to come (hear hear). We should protest against the appointment of Sir Brooke Robertson on the Commission, or call a meeting of all residents in the Colony to protest against it.

Mr Sharp said he should think Sir Brooke would hardly feel himself equal to accepting the appointment. A right-minded man would not go on a jury in a case with a mind prejudiced against either the one side or the other. He was sure from what the Chairman had said, and the general reputation of Sir Brooke, that he was a man of unimpeachable character, and no high-minded man would accept an appointment of this kind under such circumstances. He

was sure that Sir Brooke would not consent to occupy the position.

Mr Welsh: Are we in order? I do not think the adoption of the report has been moved, or that the Chairman has finished his remarks respecting it.

The Chairman: I have a few more observations to make upon the report with regard to the opening of Heliow. I may remark that we had a very interesting and valuable report on the place from our Secretary, Dr Denny. The misfortune is that it was opened so late last season that there have not been many opportunities as yet to prove its capabilities; but I think I can safely say, after this report, that we may look for some improvement there in the trade for the coming year. As to the opening of Pakhoi, that certainly was a concession to the wishes of a number of people in this Colony, but I do not think we can say much about it yet, until something is known of the place. In regard to the Telegraph Tariff, I regret to say that our efforts have not resulted in any actual reduction of charges. The letters that have passed in regard to this subject are interesting, and I have no doubt you have read them. As to the Establishment of a Chinese Government Mint, there is a very full account of the intention of the Chamber in regard to this matter, and I do not think there is much to be said about it. Upon the subject of Postal Rates I think this Chamber and the community here generally may congratulate themselves upon the present satisfactory position of the matter which was so very quickly brought about. We hope soon to be receiving letters at very much reduced rates on those we have been paying for years. So far as Reuter's Telegrams are concerned I hope we shall soon see some improvement. I am sure the Chamber ought to be indebted to the sub-Committee and Reuter's agent for their labours in putting the matter on a footing which we think will be satisfactory. I now come to the state of the Funds. These I think you will admit are very satisfactory. In spite of the fact that we have lost several of our members, we are actually, taking the entire funds, after deducting the expenses of Dr Denny in his visit to Hainan, and of the publication of his report, \$184 better off than we were this time last year, and I understand from Dr Denny that the demand for the circular goes on increasing. I do not think I have anything else to say, excepting to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr Kahn seconded the motion.

Mr Welsh said that in regard to the paragraph in the report referring to the establishment of a Chinese Government Mint he wished to observe that he only dissented from the resolution, that was referred to there as being passed, because he desired another to be adopted in its place. It was stated in the report that "after debate, a resolution was carried, with only two dissentients." While he did not vote for that resolution, he was not opposed to the spirit of it. He wanted his own resolution carried. In regard to the Blockade question he believed the Chairman had stated that one of the gentlemen had repeatedly called for facts, and in the report before them it stated that "Parliamentary papers just published, containing official correspondence and documents connected with the Blockade amply prove the correctness of the statements put forward from time to time, by this Chamber." A great many of them it did, but the one point on which I specially called for facts, namely, the annihilation of the trade of Hongkong, that has not been proved; on the contrary, the trade is increasing.

The Chairman: Never at a meeting of this Chamber. He was afraid Mr Welsh was confusing the public meeting with that of the Chamber. He referred to the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in his speech.

Mr Welsh: Then I misunderstood; I only called for facts in regard to the annihilation of the trade of Hongkong.

The Chairman: I put it to the meeting that this report be adopted.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr Bellios: I will now move "That the Chamber do protest against Sir Brooke Robertson being appointed a member of the Blockade Commission under the Chefoo Convention."

Mr Nelson: I second the motion with pleasure. We have very little information in regard to this Commission so far, and whether Sir Brooke will or will not accept this position, is a matter about which we know nothing. In any case, however, an expression of opinion on the part of this Chamber, put in a definite form, will be rather good than otherwise. To place the representative of this Colony in the position of a most undoubted minority before even the sittings of the Commission were commenced, was simply playing with the question.

Mr Welsh thought perhaps it would be better to alter the resolution so that it would request the Committee to make representations protesting against the appointment, or something of that kind, instead of its saying that "the Chamber protest, &c."

Mr Sharp: Would it not be better to add a reason—say, that his appointment will not carry confidence in the foreign and native community. I know that the feeling of the native community is greatly with us, and that they think Sir Brooke is one of the greatest enemies of the Colony.

Mr Nelson said the minutes of the meeting would explain the reason for passing this resolution. A copy of them might be sent with the protest.

Ultimately the motion was unanimously carried in the following form: "That this Chamber do protest against Sir Brooke Robertson being appointed as a member of the Blockade Commission under the Chefoo Convention, and that a copy of the minutes embodying this protest, together with the Annual Report of the Chamber for 1876, be forwarded to H. E. the Governor."

Mr Welsh: Can you protest against a thing that has not been done?

The Chairman: We know there is the intention to appoint him; if it has not been done.

The ballot for the election of a new Committee was then proceeded with, and resulted in the following nominations:

The Hon. P. Ryrie, the Hon. W. Keewick, Messrs Nelson, Kahn, Bellios, Dalrymple, Hopps, Mendel and Jackson.

The Chairman proposed the nomination of the Hon. W. Keewick and Mr Kahn, as the Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Mr Kahn thanked the members for electing him as Vice-Chairman, but begged to decline the honour.

The Hon. P. Ryrie regretted that Mr Kahn did not accept the Vice-Chairmanship, but from what he knew of him, he had been a very useful member since he joined the Chamber. Mr Ryrie then proposed Mr Nelson as the Vice-Chairman.

This having been seconded by Mr. Mendel was unanimously carried.

Mr Nelson proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman for what he had done, and for the great interest he had taken in the conduct of the Chamber's business for so many years past. Carried by acclamation.

The Hon. P. Ryrie said he was very much obliged to the meeting for what they had said. He took great interest in the Chamber, though he was much occupied by his other work. He would continue to shew the same interest.

The meeting then separated.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

IN A COURT OF COMMONS.

The following is the twenty-third Report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary yearly general meeting of Shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 15th February:

To the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 30th December last.

The net profits for that period, including \$39,085.45 brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, and for difference in exchange between the rate at which the Dividend is declared and the current rate of the day, amount to \$502,802.72, which, after taking out Rebate on Bills not yet due, and Remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$438,824.01.

On this sum, the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of One Pound Sterling per share, which will absorb \$177,777.78.

The Directors recommend placing \$300,000 to credit of Reserve Fund, which will then stand at half a million Dollars, and carrying forward the balance, viz., \$11,047.15, to credit of new Profit and Loss Account.

The Directors have to renew their congratulations on the prosperous condition of the Bank.

Directors.—Mr. J. F. Cordes resigned his seat at the Board on leaving the Colony, and Mr. Edward Tobin has been appointed in his stead; the Honourable William Keewick has also joined the Board.

In conformity with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement, two members of the Court, Messrs. H. Hopps and F. D. Sassoon, retire from the Direction, but they are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

Mr. Heinrich Hopps has been appointed Chairman of the Corporation for 1877, vice Mr. H. R. Bellios, whose term of Office now expires, and Mr. Frederick David Sassoon has been elected Deputy Chairman.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by the Honourable Phinas Ryrie and Mr. H. B. Gibb, and the Directors have pleasure in recommending the election of these gentlemen as Auditors for the year 1877.

Chief Management.—Mr. James Greig has resigned the post of Chief Manager, and Mr. Thomas Jackson, who has been acting as Chief Manager during the year, has been appointed to that post.

E. R. BELLIOS, Chairman.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1877.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Report for presentation to the Shareholders at the Eighth Ordinary Meeting, to be held at the Company's Office, at 2 o'clock, p.m., on Friday, the 16th February.

The Directors have now the pleasure to submit a statement of the Company's Accounts made up to the 31st December, 1876.

The Net Profit for the year 1876 is shown to be as follows:

Balance at Credit of Working Account as per last Report	\$79,871.79
Deduct Losses and Claims paid in 1876	11,662.52
Net Profit	\$68,209.27

Of this amount the Directors propose to apply \$23,394.77 to the payment of a Bonus of 20 per cent. to the Contributing Shareholders of 1876, and add the balance to the Reserve Fund, which will thus be increased to \$359,787.80.

The Working Account for 1876 shows the satisfactory balance of \$144,304.86 at its credit on the 31st December; but in comparing this with former results the fact must be borne in mind that interest on Shareholders' deposits paid half-yearly, was last year discontinued and in the present statement does not appear. In lieu of interest the Directors now propose to appropriate the sum of \$48,000 out of anticipated profits to the payment of a Dividend of \$12 per share, which it is hoped will meet with the approval of the Shareholders.

The losses under Policies issued in 1876 were exceptionally insignificant up to the close of the year, but on the 13th January last, a fire occurred at Yokohama destroying properties on which the Company's risks aggregated nearly \$45,000, involving an almost total loss.

Directors.—Messrs. Heaton and Ryrie retire from the Board in accordance with Article 86 of the Deed of Association, and both gentlemen offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Mr. Edward George having resigned his appointment, the Directors elected Mr. Robert Lyall to succeed him. This gentleman and Mr. C. Morland Kerr offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY LOWDOCK, Chairman.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

The crew of the wrecked barque *Andis Gray* arrived here yesterday (Feb. 10), from Chefoo, by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Taihai*. It seems that the barque struck on what is known as Double Island, and has since become a total wreck.

We mentioned some time ago that the steam-wheel steamer *Peking* had been sold to some Chinese, and was to begin running to Hankow. It is rumoured that her purchasers are forming a Company, with the object of acquiring also the steamers *Hanyang*, *Pingyin*, *Hojen* and *Japan*,—all five vessels to run on the Yangtze.

The water of the Yangtze has risen rapidly during the last few days. The *Szechuen* reports when she left Hankow on the 4th that the water mark was 3 feet 2 inches above zero; and that at Hunter and Olyphant Islands it was respectively 12 and 10 feet.

Mr. Alfred A. Krauss requests us to acknowledge the receipt from the head office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on behalf of the sufferers from famine in the North, and to state that the money will be forwarded as requested to Rev. W. N. Hall, Tientsin, and Rev. P. McCoy, Peking.

There is a report that a well-known Chinese banker, in Shanghai, is attempting to negotiate a loan of five million taels with one of the foreign banks, the object in view being the defrayment of expenses incident to the campaign in Kansuh and the outlying provinces. Money is urgently required; and this bears out the rumour which reached us a short time ago from Peking, that extensive operations are being contemplated as soon as the frost breaks up.

A characteristic incident, illustrative of Oriental valour, reaches us from Canton. A week or two ago, some three hundred troops were being drilled on the parade ground; at the same time, a party of young officers, Frenchmen and others, were strolling along the city walls, when one of them, as he passed, discharged a fowling-piece in the direction of the squad. The parties were of course much too far apart for any of the soldiers to be hit, even had the gun contained heavy shot; but the result was none the less appalling. The ranks were immediately demoralised, and two flowers of China's army, in the very centre of the company, fled precipitately out of their places, and hid themselves cowering behind a wall.

Four years ago, a little Chinese lad of twelve was sent home to America to learn English and receive a useful foreign education. Last week, he wrote a letter to his brother in Shanghai which, as it may interest some of our readers, we now publish. The young gentleman has learned to look down upon the literary development of his own country, and deplores the restricted views of his father in a most ingenious style. He writes as follows:

"Greenfield, Dec. 17th, 1876.
"Dear Brother,—As I left home at so early an age it is impossible for me to write to you in your own tongue, but a few days ago I thought I could communicate with you in English. I live in Greenfield town, Franklin county, State of Massachusetts, with four other Chinese Government boys, but three of them have gone. 吳德科 and I are the only two left in this town. We board at A. G. Loomis', who taught me English when I first came to this country. We entered the Grammar school Nov. 1876, and succeeded in getting into the high school in April. I intend to go through a classical education, and in the course of three years I will be ready for college. My studies are Algebra, Latin, and Geometry. I am very desirous to have my brother and the young members of your father's family learn English, for since I came to this country I have found many things in the English literature which are necessary for the elevation of our country and of a man. So will you please direct about this business and when I come back I will try to assist in giving them a good English education. I have said something about it to my father in the letter enclosed, but I am afraid he does not understand it or realize its importance. Please speak to him on this subject, and I hope I will hear from you either in Chinese or English soon."

Yours respectfully,
CHIEK-YAN-CHIE.

"P.S.—Please forward the letter enclosed to my father."
It is to the influence of such lads, when grown up, that Li Hung-chang looks for the future progress of China, and who, he considers, will be instrumental in fighting the intrusive foreigners, with their own weapons. The chances appear now rather in favour of the Chinese.

CHEFOO.

The *Annie Gray* went upon Double Rock, to the N.E. of the French Island at the entrance of Chefoo harbour, during a fog on Friday night, the 19th January, and has since been broken up by the gales of wind prevalent at this season of the year, and has become a total loss. The Captain's wife and daughters, who were on board, were safely landed at Chefoo the same night, after an arduous boat journey. Captain More remained on board till next day, when the Harbour-master, Mr. Howard, proceeding to the wreck in the lifeboat for the purpose of rendering any possible assistance, persuaded him to come ashore and to seek protection and help towards saving what could be rescued from the wreck. Meanwhile Her Majesty's Acting Consul, Mr. Jamieson, had communicated with the Commander of H.M.S. *Mosquito*, requesting his assistance for protecting the property endangered. In consequence of this requisition, the gun-vessel went on Saturday afternoon towards the wreck, when she met the lifeboat returning with Captain More on board. After laying to for a short time in order to communicate with Captain More, and promising the assistance he asked for, the *Mosquito* returned back to her anchorage for the night, with the intention of going to the wreck early next morning, as there seemed no immediate danger of the ship breaking up, and she was on the rocks in sight of the gun-vessel. Towards the morning of Sunday two persons from Chefoo, Mr. Lyall and Mr. Smith, went off to the wreck with a number of coolies, opened the ship's hatches, and commenced discharging the cargo for the purpose of saving the property, and they removed several bales of cotton and bags of rice from the vessel. An hour afterwards Captain More returned on board, and was closely followed by H.M.S. *Mosquito*, under whose protection he had placed the ship. Captain More perceiving Mr. Lyall and Mr. Smith engaged in taking out the cargo, requested them to desist therefrom, and to bring back whatever they had sent away, under pain of being prosecuted for taking away the ship's cargo without his permission. He also informed them that he had made his own arrangements for the protection and salvage of the property on board his ship. He, however, agreed to employ Mr. Lyall to work at the cargo for half a dollar for every bale of cotton placed in safety on board H.M.S. *Mosquito*, and Mr. Lyall having accepted these terms continued working for such remuneration during that day and part of the following night. Several of the crew of H.M.S. *Mosquito* were sent on board the wreck at the request of Captain More to assist in saving the cargo, and a considerable quantity of cotton and rice was saved in consequence. The gun-vessel remained near the wreck all that day receiving the saved cargo, and in the evening went to the inner harbour to discharge the same, leaving, however, two officers on board the

wreck, and early the next morning again proceeded to the vessel. It then appeared that during the night some cargo boats and coolies had been sent off by the Captain's agents on shore to expedite the salvage, and that Mr. Lyall had been adverse to any one but himself and his gang of coolies touching the cargo, and that he had threatened to throw the naval officers overboard for not consenting to let him have his own way, and that he had even called on his coolies to assist him in performing this act of violence.

The officers being armed and remaining firm to their duty, he was unable to carry his threat into execution. As Lyall's conduct and language was disorderly, and at variance with his position of hired stevedore for discharging cargo under the Captain's authority, and as he was throwing obstacles in the way, and was preventing the salvage of the cotton by any means delaying the cargo, Captain More applied to the Commander of H.M.S. *Mosquito* to protect the other coolies from violence, and to remove Lyall from the ship, as he was a hindrance to the cargo being preserved. In consequence of this request from Captain More, Lyall was taken off to H.M.S. *Mosquito* and thence to the shore, and before Her Majesty's Acting Consul, who, after hearing the circumstances of the threatened violence to Naval Officers while performing their duty, and the obstruction which Lyall had caused to the speedy salvage of wreck, ordered him to find bail that he would not return to the vessel to molest the Captain's coolies, or in default to be committed to jail. He was accordingly put in prison, but was bailed out. H.B.M. Consul also instituted proceedings against him for using threatening language to the officers whom the Consul had requested to protect the property in a British vessel. The case was entered into on Tuesday, the 8th January, and the several facts constituting the charges were proved or admitted, and the offender pleaded that he was the original salvor and as such entitled to previous rights over the wreck, and that Captain More had engaged him to discharge 200 bales of cotton, and that he had not accomplished his task, and that by being removed from the wreck he had been prevented from so doing.

The evidence adduced by Captain More showed that Lyall was in his employ at the time of his being removed from the ship, and that his removal was necessitated by his threatening language and interference with other salvors who were engaged at Captain More's request in securing the cargo, and which justified his not being continued in the employment entered into. Captain More also contended that Lyall had no previous rights as salvor, as the wreck had been under the surveillance of H.M.S. *Mosquito* from Saturday afternoon, or several hours before Lyall had gone on board; that his rights and responsibilities as Master of the vessel had not ceased during his short absence for the purpose of obtaining help to save the ship and cargo, and that the fact of Lyall agreeing to save the cotton on board at half a dollar a bale recognised that he had no rights adverse to those of the Master; and that the Master, in the exercise of his own rights had, for the interest of all concerned, placed the salvage of as much cargo as possible in the hands of the officers of H.M.S. *Mosquito*, to whom he said he felt deeply indebted for the assistance they had rendered; and that he could not allow, on board the wreck of which he was still Master, that any one in his employ should interfere with the officers who at the request of H.B.M. Consul and at his own solicitation were doing their utmost to protect the property in his care.

Lyall asked for a remand, in order to make his defence, and the case will be resumed after the departure of the steamer.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Feb. 12, 1877.
OPUM.—New Fains, cash, \$575
" do, credit, 574
" New Benares, cash, 540
" do, credit, 542
" New Malwa, cash, 555
" do, credit, 560
" Allowance Tels, 8 & 21
" Old Malwa, cash, 570
" do, credit, 575
" Allowance Tels, 12 & 24
CAMPHOR, 15
QUICKSILVER, 68
SALT-PETRE, 5.90

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 4 1/2
" 30 days sight, 4 1/2
" 6 months' sight, 4 1/2
Credits, 4 1/2
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 4 1/2
Bombay, 25 1/2
Calcutta, 7 1/2
Shanghai, demand, 74 & 75
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., 84 prem.
Mexican, 1
Gold Leaf, 24.80
English Sovereigns, 4.75
Australian Sovereigns, 4.78
Discount, 10 to 14 1/2

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 30
C.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$675
China Fire Ins. Co., \$168
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$168
Guthrie Ins. Society of Canton, \$620
Chinese Insurance Co., \$500
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 875
Yongtze Ins. Association, Tls. 630
A.K. & W. Dock Co. 4 1/2 dls.
A.K. & W. S. Boat Co., \$12 dls.
Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tls. 93 & 1/2 dls.
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$52 1/2 dls.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$50

Temperature.

Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.
HONGKONG, Feb. 12, 1877.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.290
Do. 1 P.M. 30.220
Do. 4 P.M. 30.214
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 61 1/2
Do. 1 P.M. 62
Do. 4 P.M. 61
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 50
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 49 1/2
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 49
Do. Maximum 62
Do. Minimum over night 51

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
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For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to
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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.
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OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.
NORTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
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Hongkong, February 3, 1877. fcl5

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Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mel

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Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

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THE CONSUL FOR FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSUL all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,
G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.
Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

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SHUN AYIN,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 22, 1874.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
ON and after the 15th of January, my Charge for Brokerage on all SHARES, will be HALF PER CENT on the Full Amount, to be Paid by the Seller only.
W. M. MORGAN,
Broker.

Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fcl8

NOTICE.
THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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For terms, &c., address
MR. CHUN AYIN,
Manager.

China Mail Office,
17th February, 1874.

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Quail, . . . 60 50
Snipe, . . . each 110 100
Teal, . . . 160 150
Turkeys, Cook, . . . catty 700 600
" Hen, . . . 450 400
Wild Duck, . . . each 350 300
" Geese, . . . 700 —
Woodcock, . . . 500 —

Fish.

Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 350 300
Bream, . . . catty 100 80
Carp, . . . 80 70
Codfish, Salt, . . . 200 —
Crabs, . . . 140 100
Cuttie Fish, . . . 90 80
Dace, . . . 100 80
File Fish, . . . 80 60
Fresh Fish, Large, . . . 180 120
" Small, . . . 90 80
Frogs, . . . 140 120
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Live Fish, . . . catty 150 140
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Prawns, . . . 100 80
Ray, . . . 140 120
Rench, . . . 140 120
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Salmon, Canton, . . . 100 80
" Saltwater, . . . 140 —
" Pickled, . . . tin 300 —
Salt Fish, . . . catty 120 100
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Shrimps, . . . 80 70
Snappers, . . . 110 100
Snipe, . . . 70 60
Sole, Fresh, . . . 60 50
Tench, . . . 80 70
Turbot, . . . 100 80
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Vegetables.

Asparagus, . . . tie 450 400
Bamboo Shoots, . . . catty 100 80
Beans, sprout, . . . 20 14
" Broad, . . . 40 30
" French from Macao, . . . 50 40
Beet Root, . . . each 12 10
Brussels, . . . catty 12 10
Cabbage, White Canton, . . . 10 8
" Common, . . . 70 30
" Hongkong, . . . each 70 30
" Macao, . . . 12 10
" Turnip, Bok, . . . each 20 —
Carrots, Salt, . . . catty 40 30
Carrots, Fresh, . . . 40 30
Cauliflower, . . . each 100 70
Celery, Chinese, . . . catty 80 20

Fruits.

Almonds, . . . catty 60 50
Apples, Dried, . . . 600 400
" Californian, . . . 220 200
Bananas, fragrant Punt, . . . 30 25
" Common, . . . 80 —
Chestnuts, new, . . . 100 —
Coconuts, . . . each 50 40
Currants, . . . bottle 400 350
" lb. 200 180
Dates, . . . bottle 500 400
Figs, Dried, . . . 500 400
Ground Nuts, . . . 30 25
Lemons, . . . 70 60
Lichies, Dried, . . . 200 180
Loong Ngan, Dried, . . . 400 200
Olives, green, Punt, . . . catty 60 —
Oranges, (Oocle) Chang, . . . 40 30
" Sweet, Sun-woy, . . . 140 120
" (Mand.) coole, . . . 40 30
" (Mandaria) . . . 100 80
Papaw, . . . 150 130
Pears, Santong, . . . 115 100
Pears, Chefoo, . . . 100 80
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